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SUBJECT: GREEK AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS' CALL ON COUNSELOR
NIMETZ AUG 17

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1. AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS CALLED ON COUNSELOR NIMETZ AUG
17 ON INSTRUCTION TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE US INITIATIVE ON
CYPRUS. ALEXANDRAKIS SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WANTED TO APPRISE
THE US OF ITS VIEWS ON ANY FUTURE US ACTIVITY RELATING TO
EFFORTS TO RESUME CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS. ALEXANDRAKIS NOTED
THAT THE SAME POINTS HAD BEEN MADE THE PREVIOUS DAY IN
ATHENS TO THE EMBASSY'S POLITICAL COUNSELOR.

2. ALEXANDRAKIS STATED THAT IT WAS THE POSITION OF HIS GOVERNMENT THAT ANY PROPOSALS OR STEPS WHICH US WISHED TO MAKE ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS WHICH WAS THE COMPETENT PARTY. HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD, OF COURSE, APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND ABOUT ANY CONTACTS WITH THE GOC.

3. IT WAS THE OPINION OF THE GOG THAT THE US ROLE SHOULD NOT BE THAT OF A MEDIATOR AS THIS WOULD GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF SUPERSEDING THE UN'S ROLE. THE GOG CONTINUES TO

BELIEVE THAT THE INITIATIVE ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE BELONGS WITH MR. WALDHEIM, ALTHOUGH THE US CAN ASSIST THIS PROCESS, ESPECIALLY BY EXERTING ITS INFLUENCE ON TURKEY. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT THE SEARCH FOR A CYPRUS SOLUTION COULD BE SET BACK IF IT BECAME THE PERCEPTION IN THE AREA THAT THE UN MECHANISM HAD BEEN SUBORDINATED OR PUT ASIDE.

4. NIMETZ SAID THAT THE AMBASSADOR COULD GIVE HIS GOVERNMENT FIRM ASSURANCES THAT NOTHING WE WOULD DO WOULD BE AIMED AT REPLACING OR DENIGRATING UN EFFORTS. HE OBSERVED THAT WE KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE SEC GEN AND HIS STAFF, AND THAT WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF TRYING TO WORK ON THIS PROBLEM IN A DIFFERENT CHANNEL. IT WAS OUR INTENTION TO KEEP THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE INFORMED AS WE MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL

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A PERIOD OF RENEWED ACTIVITY ON THIS PROBLEM IN THE COMING WEEKS.

5. ALEXANDRAKIS ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY TRIPS BY US OFFICIALS TO THE AREA BEING CONTEMPLATED. NIMETZ REPLIED THAT THERE WERE NO FIRM PLANS AT THE MOMENT, BUT CERTAINLY IF THE PARTIES FELT THAT A VISIT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, IT WOULD BE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

6. FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH NIMETZ, DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER INVITED THE AMBASSADOR TO HIS OFFICE FOR A BRIEF DISCUSSION AS THE AMBASSADOR WAS SCHEDULED TO DEPART LATER IN THE DAY FOR ATHENS. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE ALEXANDRAKIS GIVING THOUGHT DURING HIS ABSENCE TO WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ENHANCE US-GREEK RELATIONS AND TO GET THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS STARTED AGAIN. REGARDING THE LATTER, PROSPECTS FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS SEEMED TO BE ON DEAD CENTER AT THE MOMENT AND SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE TO GET SOME MOVEMENT. PERHAPS, SOME STEPS ON THE VAROSHA PROPOSALS COULD LEAD TO AN ATMOSPHERE WHICH WOULD ALLOW SEC GEN WALDHEIM TO RECONVENE THE TALKS. HE WAS CLEARLY RELUCTANT TO DO SO WITHOUT A GREEN LIGHT FROM THE

PARTIES. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF ALEXANDRAKIS COULD RAISE THESE POINTS DURING HIS CONSULTATIONS IN ATHENS. ALEXANDRAKIS, WHO OBVIOUSLY APPRECIATED THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S GESTURE, PROMISED TO PURSUE THESE POINTS WHEN IN ATHENS.

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